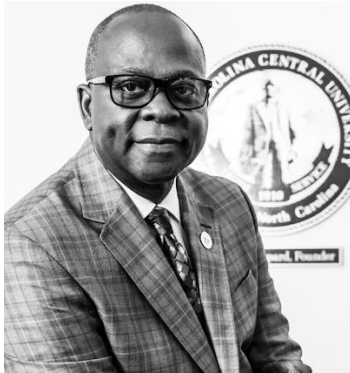


Board Profile: Johnson O. Akinleye, PhD

Introduction:



Dr. Johnson O. Akinleye, a distinguished academic leader, was appointed as the 12th Chancellor of North Carolina Central University (NCCU) on June 26, 2017. With an impressive career spanning higher education administration, Dr. Akinleye's visionary leadership has propelled NCCU to remarkable achievements and growth. Under his guidance, the university has flourished academically and structurally, solidifying its place as a prominent institution within the academic landscape.

Professional Accomplishments:

- **North Carolina Central University (NCCU)**
 - Chancellor (June 2017-present)
 - Interim Chancellor (August 2016-June 2017)
 - Successfully led the implementation of NCCU's 2019-2024 strategic plan, "Charting a New Landscape for Student-Centered Success," and orchestrated the development and implementation of NCCU's 10-year master plan
 - Developed "The Eagle Promise" platform strategically outlining four priorities - on-time graduation, global relevance, leadership development and career readiness – to ensure NCCU students successfully matriculate and graduate
 - Launched several initiatives: Blue Light Mass Notification, Eagle Connect, Project Kitty Hawk Partnership (PHK)
 - Instrumental in securing NCCU's Millennial Campus Designation (2018) by overseeing the development of six new major capital projects: a new Student Center, a new School of Business, three apartment-like residence halls and the 24/7 Collaborative Learning and Research Center
 - Spearheaded the expansion of NCCU's research institutes resulting in the generation of significant funding and bolstering the institution's research capabilities.
 - Secured \$226 million in sponsored university research funding from 2017 to 2023
 - Successfully guided NCCU to meet all university performance metrics under the UNC System's 2022-2027 strategic plan: "Higher Expectations"
 - Led the NCCU community through the difficulties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, which included managing the shift to remote learning in March 2020

- Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (February 2014-January 2016)
- Generated more than \$1 million in external funding to support on-campus academic programs
- Led the development and implementation of NCCU's 2016-2021 Academic Affairs strategic plan
- Coordinated the establishment of several initiatives: Eagle Connect, a new State-of-the-Art Faculty Development Center, Office of e-Learning, Fabrication Lab in partnership with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- **University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW)**
- Associate Vice Chancellor for External Programs, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Interim Dean – College of Health and Human Services (January 2013-January 2014)
- Directed strategic expansion of UNCW's external academic programs, overseeing distance education, online programs and international partnerships to elevate program profile, research quality and accessibility

Education and Leadership Training:

- Ph.D. in Communication Studies: Howard University
- M.S. in Media Technology: Alabama A&M University
- B.A. in Telecommunications (Mass Communications): Alabama A&M University with a Minor in English
- Millennium Leadership Initiative (MLI) Institute Fellow which is sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (2015)
- Leadership, Management and Administration in Higher Education: Harvard Graduate School of Education (2003)
- Rust Administrative Academy for Faculty Administration and Management of Higher Education: Rust College (1999)

Civic Engagement:

- Active motivational speaker, consultant, writer, editor, and documentarian for independent and government agencies, including the National Aeronautics Space Administration (NASA)
- Proactively participates in various civic, cultural, church-related organizations and business advisory groups
- **Board Membership:**
 - **Current:**
 - Board Member, Made in Durham
 - Board Member, RTP Foundation
 - Board Member, The 50 Group
 - Board Member, Watauga Club

Philosophy and Vision:

Dr. Johnson O. Akinleye is dedicated to cultivating academic excellence, advancing research and fostering community engagement. His visionary approach aims to create a dynamic learning environment, by empowering students, faculty and the community to excel and drive positive change. Dr. Akinleye is driven by his commitment to enhance North Carolina Central University's reputation as a leading institution, through contributing to the university's long-term growth and development.

Summary:

Chancellor Johnson O. Akinleye's transformative leadership has elevated North Carolina Central University's (NCCU) stature and impact significantly. His dedication to academic innovation, research advancement, and community partnerships has propelled NCCU to new heights. Dr. Akinleye's strategic initiatives, commitment to excellence, and profound contributions to higher education make him an invaluable asset to any organization seeking visionary leadership and positive growth.